(2) Certificates of Appreciation.
(3) Satyen Maitra Memorial National Literacy Awards—2001.
(4) UNESCO-NLM Awards—2001.

Payment to EDCIL by KVS

† 977. SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 667, given in the Rajya Sabha on the 23rd November, 2001 and state:

(a) whether permission of the Chairman, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan was obtained for additional payment of Education Consultants India Limited (EDCIL) with regard to work order given to this instrumentality for recruiting teachers of Kendriya Vidyalayas during 1999-2000; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) and (b) Permission of Chairman, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan is not required in such matters.

Computer education as fundamental right

† 978. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to make the computer education compulsory in the fundamental right of education to children in the age-group of six to fourteen years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by Government, so far, for expansion of computer education in Government schools?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) No, Sir.

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† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, computer education is being introduced in selected clusters as an innovative component of the District Elementary Education Plan. A committee under the chairmanship of Secretary, Department of Elementary Education & Literacy has been constituted to examine all aspects related to computer education at the elementary level.

Further, the Department of Secondary and Higher Education has launched a revised Computer Literacy and Studies in Schools (CLASS) in 2001-2002 to promote Computer Literacy in schools in the country. Under the revised CLASS scheme, financial assistance is being provided to States and UTs on the basis of the Computer Education Plans (CEPs) submitted by StateyUTs. A provision of Rs. 74 crore has been allocated for the implementation of the CLASS scheme during the current financial year.

Modernisation of madarsa education

979. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of 'modernisation of madarsa education';

(b) the present status of the scheme; and

(c) the outlay for the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) to (c) A statement giving the salient features of the scheme for the "Modernisation of Madarsa Education" and its present status is enclosed as Statement.

Statement

Modernisation of Madarsa Education

Under the 15 point programme of the empowered Committee on Minorities Education, the scheme of the Modernisation of Madarsas on Voluntary basis is being implemented since 1993-94. The objective of the scheme is to encourage traditional institutions like Madarsas